

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th February 2019 in Council Chambers

1.Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Ruth Moncrieff, Rab Moran, Pat Lemmon, Fiona-Frances Adam, Betty Sommerville, Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Paul Darling, Morgwn Davies

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, PC Charlie Duncan, Jim and Moira Graham (HBCP), Frances Wright and David Cockerton (Chair, HCDT), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: John Hamilton (Treasurer), Cllr Brian Small. Cllr John McMillan, Cllr Shamin Akhtar

Community Council new applicants (Jim Graham, Ron Goldie)

Both applicants gave a brief summary of their backgrounds and their reason why they should be considered for the Community Council. Jim has been a resident of Haddington the past 25 years, he runs a business here and is very keen to be involved with all aspects of the town. Ron was previously a member of the CC before he moved away for a period of time. Now that he is back in Haddington he is keen to be involved again. They were both thanked for coming and told that there would be a vote at the end of the meeting – the result of which will be communicated to them via letter. They were both welcome to stay for the meeting in the meantime.

David Cockerton (Chair HCDT) and Frances Wright (HCDT)

Frances and David attended the meeting to address some of our concerns raised recently. In outline, the CDT was set up to push the Town Vision forward. It has representatives from the community on the board but the CC had concerns that not all groups were being fully represented.

Funding: funding is from ELC (50k over 3 years). Currently sitting at 25k. The money so far has been used to fund projects such as skatepark, tennis courts, website, re-developing the town centre etc.

Structure: they have been advised to change to a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which limits liability. This will not change the way the group is run.

Manager: the CC have always suggested that it would be a good idea to employ a town manager – this may be the way forward and is not totally discounted by the board.

Communication: the main CC concerns were the lack of communication between the CDT and community groups involved. It was agreed that more community engagement could happen – will work on this.

Main focus: the focus remains on marketing the town and bringing the Vision to fruition. We have to remember that all the board members are volunteers but they are committed to making the best of the town – and although this may take some time it will happen.

Frances and David were thanked for coming and left the meeting

3. Minutes of 8th January

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Pat Lemmon and seconded by Rab Moran

4. Matters arising

4.1 Item 7.4 Amisfield Park walkway: Chris said the council were contacted about this. Was told that he should get in touch with the Area Partnership.

5. Treasurers Report – February 2019: Summary of Accounts sent out to al

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £20,493.39 as of 21/1/2019
- Events Group TSB balance: £7284.12 as of 7/1/2019
- Held in cash-box: £520.94 as of 21/1/2019
(CC cash = £20.79, Events cash = £500.15)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £0.00 as of 10/1/2019

Highlights

- £2075 mentioned last month now shows in Events Group total.
- Lillian asked to reserve remainder of LP budget for the anticipated £19,690 cost of replacing the Qty 22 Xmas lights electric junction boxes.
- As a result of the previous entry, Local Priorities now at zero for current financial year – see LP section below.
- Xmas lights for 2018 total cost of £4,840.91 (incl recent £300 for cherry picker cost for removal of lights).

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £300 for removal of Xmas lights to Cherry picker paid from this account as remaining LP budget now in the BoS account.

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £500 donation from Mike Lemmon from charity fund raising – showing in Events group cash box sub total.

Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- LP uncommitted now showing £0 due to final monies pledged to the Xmas lights electric junction boxes. This money has now been paid into our CC BoS account.
- Santa Sleigh costs now reimbursed into our BoS account.

Cash transaction highlights, since last report (CC: from CC cash, EC: from Events Cash)

- £500 from Mike's Bike now showing in the cash totals.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOCAL PRIORITY SCHEME					
BUDGET 2018/19					
HADDINGTON (RLXH) 5144	Budget	Activity	Committed	Spent	Remaining
carry over from 2017/18	£1,955.66	WW1	£305.00	£305.00	£0.00
		refuse bag holders	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
2018/19 budget	£11,300.00	Haddington Pipe Band - bagpipes	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	£0.00
Total Budget	£13,255.66	Festival marquees etc	£460.75	£460.75	£0.00
		Cranston website WW1	£226.20	£226.20	£0.00
		Christmas lights 2018	£2,259.10	£2,259.10	£0.00
		Our Community Kitchen	£1,700.00	£1,700.00	£0.00
		Remembrance Day	£355.16	£355.16	£0.00
		Christmas tree lights (3 trees)	£2,075.00	£2,075.00	£0.00
		East Lothian Foodbank	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
		Santa visits	£525.80	£525.80	£0.00
		Christmas light junction boxes	£3,798.65	£3,798.65	£0.00
		Total Committed	£13,255.66	£13,255.66	£0.00
Total Uncommitted	£0.00				

6. HBCP

6.1 High Street/Town Centre update: The 'Golden Grain' having a make-over – will become 'The Grain'. St Columbus charity shop now up and running. Sweet Peas closing their retail side but will continue on-line business.

It was suggested there is a general uncertainty around the High Street – mainly due to anti-social behaviour. This was voiced at a recent meeting of the HBCP (currently sitting at 78 members). Concern raised about poor land-lording and dumping of rubbish in the street. It was suggested ELC contact landlords regarding this problem.

Traffic – Chris pointed out that there is a national push to encourage people to not bring cars into town centres by limiting parking spaces. Currently there is a lot of debate and hard work being done by council officials to address this

and also focus on getting funding in place to implement. This will not happen overnight but consultation with the public will continue.

6.2 EG representative: Erica Muirhead attended the EG meeting as HBCP member.

6.3 HCDT: Pat suggested that one member of the HBCP should be on the board of the CDT. It was also suggested that at least one CC member be on BCP – Chris was suggested (he agreed to this). It was also suggested that the town centre be represented at meetings by a resident.

7. Councillors Corner

7.1 Nungate Bridge lights: Fiona McE asked if anything was being done about the lights. They are getting looked at – they have been replaced previously but despite being ‘vandal-proof’ this hasn’t prevented damage happening. Tom will find out and report back. **Action Tom**

7.2 Golf Club area – dog mess: Chris requested more dog mess signs be put up.

7.3 John McMillan update: Jan read out an update from John (available on request)

7.4 Crossing at Newton Port: Ron asked if there was any possibility of getting a pedestrian crossing here.

7.5 Budget: Tom reported that the budget has been set – figures available on-line.

8. Police Questions - PC Duncan read out his report (copy available)

8.1 CAPP priorities

1. Speed checks to be conducted on West Road, Pencaitland Road & Aberlady Rd, Haddington, & in East Saltoun, Humble & Bolton.

Next CAPP meeting: Monday 4th March 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town House, Haddington

9. Knox Academy News – none present

10. Planning Applications -nothing of note

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence from David Barrett: Jan received a note from David Barrett detailing his concerns about speeding lorries in Market Street. He also produced photo evidence of this and has written to ELC with his concerns.

12. Haddington Community Development Trust

12.1 Members: we need to have a CC representative to be able to attend their meetings as Calum is at University and unable to attend very often. This needs to be discussed further.

13. Events Group – all in hand and working towards the Festival

14. Blooming Haddington

14.1 Britain in Bloom: Rab pleased to officially announce that we are taking part in this. Once more information available will bring to the meeting.

14.2 Lady Kitty’s: ramp now in place

14.3 Oriental Garden: tidying here and in general in the town

15. Area Partnership (AP) – no update avail as meeting next week

15.1 CC representative training: Paul said that there is training available (but not suitable this time as Pat away)

16. AOCB – none

New CC member: a private vote was held for the position and the result will be communicated to the applicants in due course.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2019 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes

2017

14/2 Roads issues: pole in pavement, Pencaitland Rd, diversion signs, dumped cones etc
Athelstaneford: speeding signs, signage at cemetery

11/4 Lights out on Nungate Bridge

13/6 Ball Alley – pole sticking up
 Tyne Walkway – flooding(behind St Mary’s)

10/10 Curfew Bells
 Traders licence – concession available

12/12 Station Court – disrepair of the road

2018

Feb Wynd by Leisure Time - ?signage
 Road by car park – Nungate Bridge
 Mill Wynd – tree stump at corner -? Removal

March Whittingham Drive
 Unlit bollard at PO/Gateside development
 Traffic lights at Ideal Garage junction – sequencing

May Hardgate – parking spaces
 Victoria Terrace – double lines on pavements

June Dog bin at golf course

2019

Jan

Transportation Dept. -Pot Holes and Broken Slabs throughout the Town & Athelstaneford

Pot Holes: Ideal Garage junction, Stevenson, West Road surfaces, Whittingham Drive, Sidegate, Monkmain Road

Uneven Pavements: High Street, Market Street, Court Street. St. Anne’s Place, Mitchells Close (11/1/11)